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## **OVER 100 NEW COMPANIES JOIN EURONEXT'S TECHSHARE PROGRAMME, EXPANDING TO FOUR NEW COUNTRIES**

- **Euronext kicks off its fourth annual capital markets training programme for non-listed companies, expanding to Germany, Italy, Spain and Switzerland**
- **TechShare is the only dedicated programme for European technology companies focused on IPOs**
- **Total number of companies selected this year has quadrupled since the introduction of the programme**

### **Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, Madrid, Milan, Munich, Lisbon, Paris and Zurich – 21 September 2018**

Euronext, the leading pan-European exchange in the Eurozone, today launches its fourth session of TechShare, the only European programme for non-listed companies dedicated to IPOs. Benefitting from a cohort of fast-growing European tech companies, the programme is an educational network designed to help these high-potential businesses understand the role of capital markets and how they can help them reach the next stage of their growth.

For the first time, Euronext has decided to include companies from outside Euronext's core markets, with participants from Germany, Italy, Spain and Switzerland.<sup>1</sup> This decision follows the opening of new representative offices in these countries 12 months ago and demonstrates the potential and dynamism of European companies in the tech sector.

The number of companies participating has also increased significantly with 135 companies in 2018 compared with 30 companies in 2015, representing a four-fold increase in only three years.

The companies taking part in the programme represent the vibrancy and diversity of the technology world, spanning a range of sectors driving the technology revolution, including biotech, software, medtech, electronics, hardware, cleantech, e-commerce and fintech. On average, participants generate annual revenues of over €10 million, and employ c.100 staff. They are also at an increasingly mature stage of growth as two-thirds are venture capital-backed and they have each raised around €15 million in capital.

Euronext will support participating companies through academic and practical expertise, including coaching. Two core sessions will be held: one in September in Paris at Europe's leading business school HEC, and a second one in March 2019 aimed at supporting the long-term vision of the business.

In addition, tailor-made coaching sessions will be held in each country throughout the year. They will be led by around 80 expert partners recruited by Euronext from a wide range of areas to generate unique networking opportunities, including banking, law and audit, financial communications, technology and research.

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<sup>1</sup> The new class has a total of 135 companies across Europe: 14 come from Belgium, 39 from France, 23 from Germany, 11 from Italy, 18 from the Netherlands, 9 from Portugal, 9 from Spain, and 12 from Switzerland.

Stéphane Boujnah, CEO and Chairman of the Managing Board of Euronext, said: *“Europe is brimming with highly innovative tech companies that have reached a critical stage in their growth. After several rounds of financing, they are now looking for better access to capital. To pursue their objectives, they also need focused support and the infrastructure that an efficient pan-European market can provide. This is precisely what we are offering at Euronext through TechShare and our trading platform. Together with our partners, we are proud to bring together such a diverse and stellar range of participants – companies that I am confident will help power the European economy of tomorrow.”*

Since launching in 2015, TechShare has helped four French companies access capital markets: Osmozis, Balyo, Theranexus and Oxatis.

Europe’s tech sector at a glance (see appendix)

Learn more about the businesses taking part in this year’s session with the TechShare press kit: [https://www.euronext.com/sites/www.euronext.com/files/20190921\\_techshare\\_press\\_kit.pdf](https://www.euronext.com/sites/www.euronext.com/files/20190921_techshare_press_kit.pdf)

Euronext would like to thank the partners of its programme.

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